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3.

reference was made to a Swedish Chart entitled "Minfria Vagar" Nr Mv Ba, dated December 1950, The areas reportedly mined are indicated on an overlay to this chart.

no knowledge as to whether the area actually was mined. small buoys with rounded tops, marked with capital letters, e g "A," "B" etc, and lettering progressively from seaward, indicate the channel to Gdynia and from Gdynia to Gdansk. five or six small vessels were seen operating in the vicinity of the area indicated by the letter "A" on overlay to Swedish Chart "Minfria Vagar" Nr Mv Ba of December 1950.

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4.

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] at Gdansk, Polish authorities maintained a 24-hour uniformed and armed guard at the gangway, who checked the passport of each person going ashore. Armed patrol boats, frequently observed operating in the area [redacted] gave [redacted] the impression that one patrol boat was assigned to each merchant ship in port.

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5.

[redacted] the east quay of Gorniczny Basin, which appeared to be in good condition. Coal was loaded by traveling gantry type cranes capable of servicing the entire length of the three thousand foot quay. Vessels awaiting to be loaded were moored to the western quay of Gorniczny Basin. The harbor office, a large building, is located at the southern end of Gorniczny Basin. Because of the limited depth of water, approximately 30 feet, in the Basin, careful loading is essential to prevent a ship from grounding, and many ships obtain only a partial cargo at Gdansk and top off at Gdynia. Seven days were necessary to load [redacted] because the Polish laborers were constantly being moved from one ship to another.

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6.

[redacted] five or six seagoing merchant ships, including a three thousand ton Soviet ship, were in the area to load coal. [redacted] In addition several small coal carrying vessels were loading coal for shipment into the interior of Poland via inland waterways. No Soviet or Polish naval vessels were observed.

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7.

[redacted] no new construction was observed in the area and commented on the apparent lack of effort to repair damaged buildings. [redacted] observed no evidence that Gdansk was being established as a military supply area.

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8. No aircraft was observed at Gdansk.

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[redacted]
[redacted] is overlay to Swedish Chart MINFRIA
VAGAR Nr My Ba of December 1950, Scale 1:555000, referred to in the foregoing report.

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